Value Education and Vocational Education.

Crop Insurance Scheme in Bihar

*283. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts where crop insurance scheme was started during 1994-95 in Bihar;

(b) the percentage of farmers and land of the State benefited by this scheme;

(c) the financial assistance provided by the Central Govenment; and

(d) the time by which this scheme is likely to be started in the remaining districts?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) All the districts in Bihar have been covered under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) during 1994-95.

(b) The percentage of farmers benefited is . 6.42% and percentage of land benefited is 5.81%.

(c) The financial assistance provided by Central Government (i.e. 2/3rd share of indemnity claims) was Rs. 23.54 lakhs in 1994-95.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of Pyrazinamidc

*284. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of Pyrazinamide in our country during the last three years;

(b) the total annual demand for Pyrazinamide in our country;

(c) the manner in which the shortfall is made good;

(d) the cost of production per unit of Pyrazinamide and what is its market price;

(e) whether the selling price of this drug is controlled; and

(f) the steps being taken to boost the production of this drug?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKH AN SINGH YADAV): (a) Pyrazinamide is produced in the small sector as well as in the organised sector. Monitoring is done of production in the organised sector only. As per the available information, the production during the last three years in the organised sector has been as under:

Year	Production in the Organised Sector (MT)
1992-93	10.44
1993-94	47.82
1994-95	49.40

(b) The Working Group on Durgs and Pharmaceuticals for the Eighth Five Year Plan had estimated demand to be as follows:

1992-93	81.00 MT
1993-94	89.00 MT
1994-95	97.00 MT

(c) Pyrazinamide is under OGL as per the Export and Import Policy. Shortfall if any, can be met through imports. However, imports have been negligible and almost the entire demand of this drug is met through indigenous production.

(d) to (f) As per the earlier DPCO, the last notified price of Pyrazinamide was Rs. 1679/- per